

9A GRAMMAR ellipsis

- a Read the story. What difference in style do you notice between the two paragraphs?

Ever since she had been a small girl, Nicky had wanted to get to know her father, but she had never been able to. Whenever Nicky used to ask about him, her mother would shake her head and look angry. Every year on her birthday Nicky used to hope that he would come to visit, but he never did. Nicky's mother told her he was always busy working abroad, but Nicky didn't believe he was. She was constantly talking about him, even though her mother begged her not to. Although Nicky had never met her father, she always felt that one day she would. Sometimes she used to close her eyes and pray that he would contact her. But when he finally phoned on her 21st birthday and asked her if she wanted to see him, Nicky wasn't sure if she did.

Nicky's father gave her his phone number and he said she could contact him whenever she wanted to contact him. Nicky said goodbye, and then she hung up. At first, she was angry that he had got in touch and she wished that he hadn't got in touch. But a few weeks later, she called him and she arranged to see him because she felt they needed to talk. She got on well with him, although she hadn't expected to get on well with him. Nicky decided that she wanted them to meet regularly, and her father promised that they would meet regularly. Five years later, when Nicky got married, no one imagined that her father would be leading her up the aisle, but he was leading her up the aisle.

- b Read the second paragraph again and cross out any words that can be left out.

- c Rewrite the **bold** sentences using *so* or *not*.

1 A Will classes start at the usual time next week?

B **I presume ^{so} they will start at the usual time.** Otherwise the director would have mentioned it.

2 A Do you have any batteries?

B **I'm afraid that we haven't got any batteries.** We sold the last packet yesterday.

3 A Are you going to go skiing next week?

B **I guess I'll go skiing,** though I'm not very excited about it.

4 A Do you think they'll accept the contract as it is?

B **I suspect that they won't accept it.** They'll ask us to change some sections.

5 A Do you think Chris and Angie will come tomorrow?

B **I don't imagine that they will come.** They're very busy right now.

6 A John won't be interested in coming along, will he?

B **I suppose that he won't be interested in coming along.** He has other plans for the summer.

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- d Complete the sentences about yourself.

- _____, but I've always wanted to.
- _____, but my parents don't.
- _____, but I'm not.
- _____, but I used to.
- _____, even though I should have.
- _____, but my friend can.

9B GRAMMAR nouns: compound and possessive forms

a Right (✓) or wrong (X)? Correct the mistakes in the **bold** phrases.

- 1 There's a small garden at **the back of the house**. ✓
- 2 She's always sticking her nose into **other peoples' business**.
- 3 We're going to be at **Paula and James' house** for dinner tonight.
- 4 Does anyone have a **tins opener**? I want to open this soup.
- 5 Nick is **my cousin Jane who works for the city council's flatmate**.
- 6 Mrs Ramirez has always been a **very dear friend of my aunt's**.
- 7 Have you got a **coat hanger**? This jacket creases easily.
- 8 This painting is regarded as **her career's high point**.
- 9 Opticians usually sell accessories like **glasses cases** and cleaning products.
- 10 Please put the sugar back in the **kitchen's cupboard** when you've finished with it.
- 11 Be careful when you wash the **glasses of champagne** as they're very fragile.
- 12 I'm just going to **the doctor's**. I'll be back in an hour.
- 13 To play this game, we need to form a circle in **the room's middle**.
- 14 His partner is a **physics teacher** at one of the local high schools.

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b Try to think of at least two nouns that collocate to make compound nouns with the **bold** words.

traffic
street

lights

cake

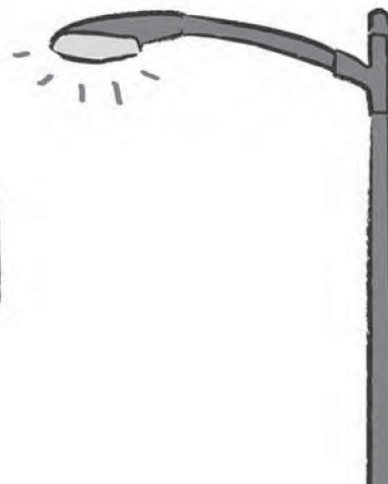
cup

knife

player

machine

centre



board

book

key

water

card

frame

9A COMMUNICATIVE Animal quiz

Student A

- a** Ask **B** the questions. Then confirm if he / she has the right answer and explain the answers to them.

- 1 Which of the following encourages cows to produce more milk?

a listening to classical music
b listening to people talking
c listening to pop music

answer: a Research has shown that classical music reduces a cow's stress levels in the same way as it does in humans. Favourites are Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and Haydn's Symphony no.7.

- 2 How many hearts does an octopus have?

a 1
b 2
c 3

answer: c They need three hearts to pump blood to their eight limbs.

- 3 Which of these animals cannot jump?

a an elephant
b a goat
c a hamster

answer: a Although elephants have the same number of bones in their feet as other mammals, those bones are very close together. This means that they don't have the flexibility to enable them to jump.

- 4 Which creature did the Americans try to train to drop bombs in the Second World War?

a eagles
b chimpanzees
c bats

answer: c The plan was to release 'bat bombs' over major Japanese cities. Bats were an ideal choice to carry the 28-gram incendiary bombs because they can carry more than their own weight in flight.

- 5 In which direction can a pig not look?

a to the left
b to the right
c upwards

answer: c A pig's spine limits its movement and doesn't let it look up to the sky. In spite of this, pigs have a very good sense of direction!

- 6 Which of these animals kills most people in Africa per year?

a tigers
b hippos
c lions

answer: b Although you might think hippos are docile, watch out! They are considered the most dangerous animal in Africa. 3,000 people were killed by them in 2013 compared to 70 by lions. There are no tigers in Africa.

- 7 How long can most sharks live without eating?

a up to six weeks
b up to one week
c up to 72 hours

answer: a They can survive on the oil that's stored in their livers for six weeks. When the oil gets low, they have the instinct to hunt again.

- 8 How many eyes does a dolphin close when it sleeps?

a neither of them
b one of them
c both of them

answer: b Its left eye closes when the right part of its brain sleeps and vice versa. During this time, the other half of the brain monitors what's going on in the environment and controls breathing functions.

- 9 What do butterflies taste with?

a their feet
b their wings
c their antennae

answer: a They have tiny, hair-like sensors on their feet. By standing on a leaf, a female can 'taste' and see if it's good to lay eggs on.

- 10 Which European city is said to have more dogs than children?

a Stockholm
b London
c Paris

answer: c France has one of the highest people / dog ratios in the world with 17 dogs to every 100 people. The country has an unofficial dog population of 10 million with over 500,000 dogs living in Paris.



- b** Now answer **B**'s questions. Who knows more about animals?

9A COMMUNICATIVE Animal quiz

Student B

- a** Answer A's questions.
- b** Ask A the questions. Then confirm if he / she has the right answer and explain the answers to them. Who knows more about animals?

1 How intelligent are dogs?

- a** as intelligent as a 2–3-year-old child
- b** as intelligent as a 4–5-year-old child
- c** as intelligent as a 6–7-year-old child

answer: a Research has shown that dogs can understand about 165–200 words, signs, or signals – about the same as a 2.5-year-old child.

2 Which animal produces mohair?

- a** a rabbit
- b** a goat
- c** a sheep

answer: b Mohair is made from the hair of the angora goat, which is farmed mainly in South Africa, the USA, and Turkey.

3 In ancient Rome which animal was a symbol of liberty?

- a** the cat
- b** the wolf
- c** the eagle

answer: a In ancient Rome, cats were a symbol of liberty. In ancient Egypt, they were sacred animals, and whoever killed a cat (even accidentally) was executed.



4 Which animal can't taste sweet things?

- a** a dog
- b** a bear
- c** a cat

answer: c A human has 9,000 taste buds whereas a cat only has 470, and their sweet buds are not very reactive, so, unlike humans, they will not be tempted by chocolate or cake!

5 What do male (but not female) elephants do at the age of 13?

- a** go back to the place where they were born
- b** leave their herd forever to live alone
- c** become the leader of the herd



answer: b Although female elephants spend all their lives living with their herd, once a male reaches about the age of 13, he will leave the rest of the herd, and will live a solitary life from then on.

6 Which of these animals have 'friends'?

- a** gorillas
- b** chickens
- c** cows

answer: c Cows are incredibly sociable animals. Research shows that their stress levels go down when they are put with a 'friend' in comparison to when they are alone or paired with a random cow.

7 On average, how long does a housefly live for?

- a** 15 minutes
- b** 15 hours
- c** 15 days

answer: c Houseflies live for 15 days, and are only active during the daytime. They are capable of carrying over 100 diseases such as cholera and TB.



8 What colour of clothing will make a mosquito more likely to bite you?

- a** pale yellow
- b** dark blue
- c** red

answer: b You're twice as likely to be bitten if you're wearing dark blue because dark colours trap carbon dioxide, which is what attracts a mosquito to you in the first place. Yellow is the best colour to wear as it's a colour they can hardly see and they get confused by it.

9 Which creature would survive the shortest time if it were sent into space?

- a** a bird
- b** a tortoise
- c** a rabbit

answer: a It would soon die because a bird actually needs gravity in order to be able to swallow.

10 Which of these creatures doesn't sleep?

- a** ants
- b** crabs
- c** bees

answer: b Crabs 'relax' as opposed to sleep. However, if they detect light or movement, they get active again very quickly.



9B COMMUNICATIVE Talk about it

- a Write something in as many circles as you can.

1 something you often order when you eat out _____	2 a dish someone in your family cooks very well _____	3 a dish you used to love as a child _____
4 a dish you like having when the weather's hot / cold _____	5 the food / drink from your country you would miss most if you lived abroad _____	6 the food your family eat on special days, e.g. a birthday / Christmas _____
7 the place you look if you want to try a new recipe _____	8 something you love eating but know you shouldn't _____	9 a dish you used to hate as a child but like now _____
10 something you can cook without a recipe _____	11 something you couldn't eat even if you were paid to _____	12 a food that once didn't agree with you and that you haven't eaten since _____
13 the dish you prepare when you don't have much time to cook _____	14 something you always put in a packed lunch / picnic _____	15 a meal you often skip _____

- b Compare your circles with a partner's. Are your answers the same or different?
Ask for / give more information.

9A VOCABULARY Animal matters

● Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 If it wasn't for the Merlin Animal Rescue, an _____ in north Wales, abandoned dogs would be destroyed by the authorities.
- 2 On race day the sound of galloping _____ can be heard from miles away.
- 3 Look at that cow with her _____. It's just been born.
- 4 Beekeepers have to open the _____ several times a year to collect the honey.
- 5 Some animals bred _____ struggle to cope when they are reintroduced into the wild.
- 6 I think _____ who want scientists to stop using rats should volunteer for the experiments themselves.
- 7 We bought a _____ for our dog because we didn't want it to sleep in the house.
- 8 The white rhino has become an _____ because of poaching in Africa.
- 9 When we reached the gate, my horse _____ loudly and refused to jump.
- 10 The kitten got its _____ stuck in a ball of wool and started to meow so loudly that I thought something worse had happened.
- 11 One way to tell the difference between a male and a female goat is by looking at the shape of their _____: the male's are more curved.
- 12 I always wondered how much water a pelican can carry in its _____.



9B VOCABULARY Preparing food

Student A

- Look at your crossword and make sure you know the meaning of all the words you have.
- Now ask **B** to define a word for you. Ask e.g. *What's 6 across? What's 2 down?* Write the word in.
- Now **B** will ask you to define a word.



Student B

- Look at your crossword and make sure you know the meaning of all the words you have.
- A** will ask you to define a word.
- Now ask **A** to define a word for you. Ask e.g. *What's 10 across? What's 3 down?* Write the word in.



9A SONG Talking Bird 5 12))) MP3

- Read the song lyrics and think what the missing verbs might be.
- Listen to the song and check.

Talking Bird



Oh, my talking bird
Though you ¹ [k] [n] [o] [w] so few words
They're on infinite repeat
Like your brain can't ² [] [] [] [] up with your beak.

And you're kept in an open cage
So you're free to ³ [] [] [] [] or ⁴ [] [] [] [].
Sometimes you ⁵ [] [] [] confused
Like there is a hint I am trying to ⁶ [] [] [] [] you.

The longer you ⁷ [] [] [] [] [], the less you
know what to do.

It's hard to ⁸ [] [] [] your way out
When you ⁹ [] [] [] [] in a house, in a house
'Cause you don't ¹⁰ [] [] [] [] [] []
That the windows were open the whole time.

Oh, my talking bird
Though your feathers are tattered and furled
I'll ¹¹ [] [] [] [] you all your days
Till the breath ¹² [] [] [] [] [] your delicate frame.
It's all here for you as long as you'll
¹³ [] [] [] [] [] to stay.
It's all here for you as long as you don't ¹⁴ [] [] [] away.

- Which word in the song means...?
 - very great; impossible to measure _____
 - the soft light parts covering a bird's body _____
 - something that you say or do in an indirect way in order to show sb what you are thinking _____
 - old and torn; in bad condition _____
 - rolled and fastened like a sail, a flag, or an umbrella _____
 - the form or structure of a person or animal's body _____
- Do you think the singer is addressing his child, his girlfriend, or an elderly parent? What is he trying to say?

SONG FACTS

This song was recorded by the American alternative rock band Death Cab for Cutie. The song comes from their album *Narrow Stairs* which was released in May 2008 and which reached the number 1 spot on the Billboard 200 Chart in the US. The album was also nominated for the 'Best Alternative Album' award at the Grammy Awards. The band's name comes from a song in the Beatles' 1967 movie *Magical Mystery Tour* and in a 2011 interview, the lead singer said that he wished they'd chosen a simpler name for the band.